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GREGG ANNOUNCES \$8 MILLION FOR GRANITE STREET BRIDGE PROJECT INCLUDED IN FINAL FY03 SPENDING MEASURE

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced that the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Conference Report includes \$8 million for the widening of the Granite Street Bridge and upgrades to Granite Street into downtown Manchester, the Verizon Wireless Arena and the renovated downtown mill area. The measure was given final approval by Congress late Friday night and is expected to be signed into law by February 20 when the current continuing resolution expires.

Senator Gregg stated, "As the area surrounding Elm Street, the Verizon Wireless Arena and the former mills continues to expand, it is important to correct the bottleneck problem that exists with the current Granite Street Bridge. This widening will allow for easier access to this area of the City and allow for continued growth and economic vitality. I look forward to continuing to work with Manchester to provide additional federal support for the project to ensure easy access to the stores, restaurants and attractions of a growing Manchester for its residents and visitors."

Manchester Mayor Bob Baines commented, "Making Granite Street an inviting gateway to Manchester is critical to encouraging economic development in the future. Senator Gregg's efforts to secure these funds are much appreciated -- today's announcement would not have been possible without his energy and initiative."

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